

Mujahid

Abdul Qayoom Najar

May Allah accept him

When the body of the mujahid, Abdul Qayoom Najar, was identified, a senior police official tweeted: **“very, very smart, extremely smart militant”**. These words coming from an adversary makes one think: what was in Najar that separated him from the rest? In order to understand this, one should thoroughly look into the state the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent in common and the people of war-torn Kashmir are going through from several decades.

A handful of Muslims today are busy fighting the oppression committed against them and their lands. However, everyone has employed his own method in doing so, not everyone is employing the same methods and tools to get rid of the oppression and tyranny. Today in this era of globalisation, people in every corner of the world seek different ways in order to attain the mechanisms which could prove helpful in their emancipation and provide a positive direction for their struggle.

Some came up with the ideas of nationalism and regionalism while others argued that the communalism and socialism could be employed for the same. Some demanded that Muslims should give up what they say ‘extremism’ while others called them to make treaties with others dictated that the path of protests and hardships could prove helpful. There is so much chaos and confusion among the Muslims especially with the youth that it seems to them as if the Ummah of Muslims could not be United under one banner and Imam. Nowadays, the descendants of the people who ruled the world for cen-

turies are like a flock of sheep dispersed in a stormy night and being attacked from every direction. So, in every span of time, there are men who are victorious according to the hadith of Messenger of Allah and their primary characteristic is that they are ‘fighting’ in the path of Allah almighty. These men are not found among the ones who take the path of mere protests and condemnations which bear them no results.

Muslims of Kashmir are in the same dilemma as is majority among the Muslim Ummah today- the dilemma of mechanisms and tools to be employed to get rid of tyranny that strikes them day and night. In the past Kashmiris have adopted every tool for their emancipation and liberation but it would not be wrong to say that they completely failed, and the result behind their failures is crystal clear they tried every tool and slogan but they never tried the Quranic methodology. In Kashmir too, Allah almighty raised men who are the symbols of guidance and courage for the generations to come. These men are the likes of Abdul Qayoom Najar- a role model for for the youth of Kashmir who disavowed himself without fearing the consequences, from the agencies and organisations which are nothing more than the proxies of Pakistan based agencies.

Apart from his fight against the tyrannical urine drinkers, Najar played a vital part in uncovering the plots and ploys of apostates being engraved on the hearts and minds of the people of Kashmir particularly to make them serve themselves as proxies of Pakistan for her

most feared enemy- India. He was ahead of his adversaries, regularly changed his appearance, hardly left any trace, but what separated him from the most was that he never longed for fame. A guerrilla fighter, who had stealth of a leopard and eye of a falcon, he would appear and then disappear for months. For the security and intelligence grid, he was here, there, everywhere, but nowhere to be found. But for the paid puppets of Pakistan- Hurriyat Corporation and the Pakistan-based United Jahl Council UJC, he was an "Indian agent", "Ikhwanis".

Pakistani agencies want every man in Kashmir to act according to their whims and for the interests of the state of Pakistan.

In 2015, Syed Ali Geelani and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, leading their own factions of the Hurriyat, along with JKLF chief Yaseen Malik joined hands to form what they call **"joint resistance leadership"**.

The founder of Hurriyat, Ali Geelani-an ex-MLA uses religion to mobilize people against India to serve the interests of his Pakistan based masters. For the Mirwaiz, the tehreek has nothing to do with religion. Malik's party, on the other hand, adopts and employs secular ways for the same purpose and asks for freedom of Kashmir from the both sides of so-called LOC. Mirwaiz Umar Farooq oscillates between the two depending upon the situation and interests. How do these three unite when their objectives are opposite of each other? If religion is taken out of the equation, how do Geelani and the Mirwaiz reconcile with a person who demands independence of Kashmir from both India and Pakistan? Theoretically all three have different ideologies and constitutions. Remember, both the Hurriyats are amalgam of many parties, and with the incorporation of the JKLF, which for years remained aloof from both the factions, Time and again they have accused each other of treachery, deviance and compromise with the so-called freedom movement which they exclusively claim to be its founders and operators. The trio take control of every organisation that is working in Kashmir to benefit unholy alliance.

When in May 2015, mujahideen started blasting mobile towers in Sopore area, it baffled many. As is usual in Kashmir, the Hurriyat along with its lackeys termed it a conspiracy of the Indian government to malign the so called "freedom movement" Mujahideen claimed responsibility, stating that mobile communication was responsible for the killing of many among the mujahideen ranks. The same month, Geelani along with Malik asked the UJC to reveal the truth. The UJC responded to the call and repeated the rhetoric of blaming the Indian agencies.

The Hurriyat along with the UJC started defaming and condemning the acts of Mujahid Abdul Qayoom Najar (may Allah accept him). However, the character assassi-

nation of Mujahideen did not deter them from killing a few Hurriyat activists as they were providing intelligence to the Indian troops. Soon after Mujahideen published a press note, in which they detailed their actions and reminded the UJC and Hurriyat to rather probe into the killings of Pulwama's Adil Mir, Islamabad's Javaid Salafi, Palhallan's Hilal Molvi and Zainageer's Rashid.

Surprisingly, in their reply UJC tried to prove the innocence of a Lashkar member Showkat Hakim of the Muslim League, a close aide of Masarat Alam, by claiming that he was not involved in any killings. It was a shocking revelation because the mujahideen didn't name anyone in the press release. Despite the Mujahideen issuing a clarification and were ready to provide the proof, UJC goons however continued to call them "Ikhwanis". Furthermore, the Mujahideen continued on the path of cleansing the filth of Hurriyat by killing Sheikh Altaf ur Rehman. Four days later, informer turned UJC member Khurshid OAhmad Bhat was also killed.

The killings of Hurriyat activists prompted Geelani to call for the resignation of then J&K chief minister and his close friend Mufti Sayeed. Since the party of Geelani is in close terms with the People's Democratic Party, Geelani thought it fit to reprimanded the Mufti, asking him to step down, as he had failed to protect his fellow Hurriyat members. It was a bizarre request as it did not make any sense that anti-state rebels call for the resignation of pro state elements.

Indian media described the killing of agents providing information a setback to the intelligence agencies in Kashmir. Writing for oneindia.com about the importance of keeping surrendered militants safe, author Vicky Nanjappa said, **"As part of the service, some (surrendered militants) hand out information about the terrorist bases while many others are involved in a programme to prevent youth from taking up arms. IB officials say there is an utmost need to guard such persons as they are helping India with a great deal of information that has helped bust several terrorists' networks in Jammu and Kashmir."**

Geelani though continued his diatribe until Najar established a contact with him and confronted the former on his tirades against him. A few days later, the UJC accepted that Najar is no paid agent of India. After this, the Hurriyat didn't issue any press note against Najar and his companions. Najar could have used this moment to score points against the Hurriyat and UJC, but he decided against it.

The UJC was not going to take it down lightly. As is its history, the organisation has been ruthless with any person who has broken ranks with it, first character assassinating and then assassinating the character itself. Examples are everywhere to be found in Kashmir.

Two months later, the UJC men martyred three mujahideen, who had left Hizb and joined Najar recently. Their bullet-riddled bodies were found in an orchard. Taking advantage of chaos, the Hurriyat, in order to divert the attention of people that the Hizb was behind these killings, called for their old school tactic- hardtail.

Najar having his own strategies, refused to publicize himself like Burhan Wani. He had realised that it was easy for informers to be a part of the Hurriyat and use it as a shield to operate against the people of jihad. Najar prepared a list of informants, and demanded action against them but to his surprise, HM chief Moulvi Salahuddin rejected it, according to him killings so many among the members of hurriyat will create doubt about the authenticity of the so-called freedom organizations. But, being sincere and uncompromising regarding his Deen (religion) and preferring the pleasure of Allah almighty over that of his creation he remained steadfast upon his stance of hunting down the criminals.

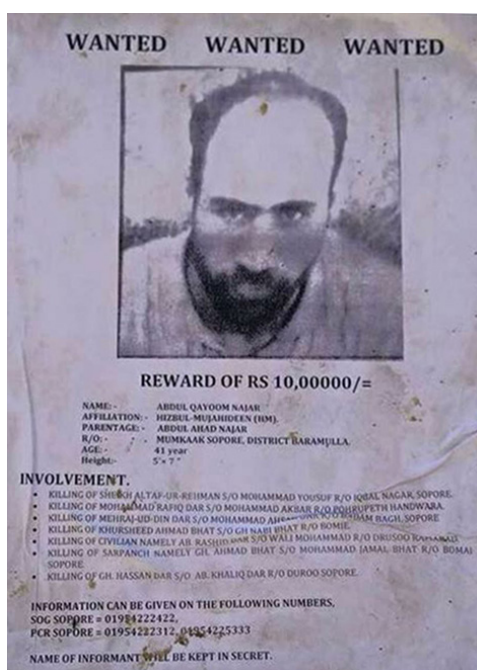
In spite of the Hurriyat activists trying to provoke people against him, the people there had fulsome faith in Najar and his fellow Mujahideen. But the earth around him was tightened. In no way would the state allow killing its assets, and the Pakistani state in league with the Hurriyat were also determined to get rid of him because someone operating independently in Kashmir is not in its interest. Then all of a sudden, he disappeared.

Intelligence agencies exchanging information about expendables like Najar is no big deal. After all both Indian and Pakistani agencies are involved not only in talks to resolve the Kashmir issue, but also how to contain the mujahideen of Islamic State's Hind and Pakistan Provinces. In October 2014, senior intelligence officers from both sides chalked out the danger that is threatening both nations. **"Emerging groups of religious extremists (such as al Qaeda and ISIS) have publicly declared their intention to target South Asia in future,"** notes the paper which was signed by both the sides in Istanbul conference, **"and make no distinction between India and Pakistan – they pose a threat to both countries and both countries should be willing to share information about them. As the environment and confidence improves on both sides, the intelligence services can share more and more"**. In the same joint paper, "India-Pakistan Intelligence Cooperation to Counter Terrorism" signed by Sikander Afzal, AS Dulat, Asad Durrani, Rajiv Kumar,

Wajahat Latif, Tariq Parvez, Vedantachari Rajagopal, CD Sahay, Sallahuddin Satti and Ehsan ul-Haq, they concur, **"To overcome the trust deficit, they can start slowly with matters in the public domain, like a dialogue on role of intelligence and security services in countering terrorism and gradually move on to the sharing of actionable intelligence on persons and groups involved in terrorism on either side of the border."** For the Islamic republic of Pakistan, Najar came into **"actionable intelligence involved in terrorism"**. This was in continuation of a similar joint paper written in 2011 by AS Dulat and Asad Durrani, part of which was published in both Indian and Pakistani newspapers,

The graph of the Hurriyat, in spite of its failure to engage with India in any dialogue, continued to remain high. When Najar rebelled against it and its Pakistani sponsors, he was a lone fighter relying on none but Allah

almighty. He was able to get a support of few followers, but with the Hurriyat tirade backed by Indian and Pakistan resolved to eliminate anyone who is inimical to their interests. It took the Hurriyat Corporation one day to pay a one-liner tribute to him, forgetting that it had labelled him 'Ikhwan'. It is kind of volte-face that the Hurriyat is adept at. But why did the Hurriyat, and in particular Geelani, pay tribute to Najar when he was accused of working for the Indian agencies? The probable answers are because of the pressure from the youth; second, he wanted to be remembered as the one who supported



all irrespective of his differences with them. Worse, the Hurriyat tried to claim that its members led the funeral prayers—a lie that Najar's uncle debunked.

Although the Hizb along with the UJC didn't pay any tribute to him, Najar didn't die a Majeed Dar's death, a former Hizb commander sent for peace talks and then gunned down. Najar's body was draped with the banner of Kalima Tawheed. At his funeral, the youth showed that Najar would not be forgotten. What were worse for Pakistan and its bhakts in Kashmir were the slogans inimical to the Pakistani state: **"Dawlat ul Islam Baqiyah"**.

Thus, Mujahid Abdul Qayoom Najar (Rahimahullah) fulfilled his vow of fighting to the last drop of his blood, never compromised in his religion and revived Jihad in Kashmir. Thus, he left the clear path of jihad for the sake of Allah for all the sincere men and made us realize that striving and struggling is our part and victory is from none but Allah almighty.